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CLUTCH DISK ASSEMBLY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page two (2) of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page three (3) of this paper. Claims 1-35 are pending, with claims 1 and 20 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page fifteen (15) of this paper.